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Pedro Diaz Lanz

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\* - 24 Oct 59 Routing & Record Sheet to Hunt rev'd 30/10  
forwarded 2 Nov. of Diaz Lanz file.

- CIA Watch office 24 Oct 59.  
into that plane <sup>involving</sup> ~~involved~~ by Pedro Diaz Lanz to  
drop leaflets and prob bombs over Havana 24 Oct 59.

May fly 26 Oct 59 piloted by Lanz to disrupt  
Castro rally.

- Dispatch 23 Oct 59.

re leaflet.

Attached sample of leaflets dropped from Diaz Lanz's  
plane 21 Oct 59

- Dispatch 18 Sept 59. to Chief WHD [REDACTED] COS  
re: Operational ~~[REDACTED]~~ group  
PDL

Crypts: ~~[REDACTED]~~ PDL  
~~[REDACTED]~~

Subj. said he had gone to Miami and talked w/ PDL  
~~[REDACTED]~~; who told him that he needed a man  
for his Miami organization, the person he had  
in mind was a Captain in the Cuban Air  
Force who was willing to join him. He instructed  
the subject to see his ~~[REDACTED]~~ contact and arrange  
for officer's exfiltration. Subj. asked ~~[REDACTED]~~ PDL whether  
his ~~[REDACTED]~~ contact (Cebaldez or ~~[REDACTED]~~ <sup>(employee)</sup>) had this  
capability, and ~~[REDACTED]~~ answered that they did.  
Station assumes that ~~[REDACTED]~~ obtained his

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Jose Maria DIAZ

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- exfiltration info from [REDACTED]. Subj. also said that [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] contacts in Miami. [U.S. GOVT.]

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[REDACTED] State Dept.

- DOC. cross ref for [REDACTED] (Lanz [REDACTED] File)  
re: [REDACTED] (ASSET) [REDACTED] - ca. 1928, age 31, [REDACTED] & Diaz Lanz age 32, passport 10693 left Costa Rica for Miami Fla. on 24 Dec 58 and reentered Costa Rica from Mexico on 31 Dec 58

- Memo for record 7 Aug 59.  
Re: Conversation approx. one-wk prior, betw. Eugene R. Gonzalez and Mr. Alfonso Moscoso, former amb. from Ecuador to US & ex brother-in-law of former President Galo Plaza of Ecuador.

Moscoso told me in strict confidence that he has a good friend Ecuador. Amb to OAS (Escudero). Claimed to have info and docum. proving Diaz Lanz rec'd approx \$100,000 from pro-Batista groups to deft & testify before U.S. Cong.

- Dispatch 7 Aug 59. TO Chief WH DIV from Miami [REDACTED] & Re: Meeting w/ [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (ASSET) [REDACTED] (Piero DIAZ) Jose Maria DIAZ

Outlined plans in meeting - Subjs. will resist groups which bear Batista taint. Suggest propaganda program. Discussion of pass. act; possible procedures - i.e. transmitter on boat broadcasting from various positions in the Caribbean Sea.

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[REDACTED] - described as leader of group, most intell. Group was cautioned about need for security.

"However, there is a close and apparently unshakeable relationship with people like Frank Fiorini & other people w/ whom they were close during the revolution. I have repeatedly cautioned them about Fiorini specifically & they have always responded by recognizing that Fiorini is a threat in that he talks too much. But as and if (sic) we proceed with this group, it has to be done with the expectation that Fiorini and others are going to be frequently around this group and we will have only the word of these people that he and others are not being informed of their activities."

(ASSET)

- In March [REDACTED] went to Belg. w/ rank of Amb. to negotiate deal re: arms. Deal cost \$8 mil wh. [REDACTED] personally paid thru letters of credit.

(ASSET)

- Dispatch 4 Aug 59. To Chief, WH Div from Miami [REDACTED] Report on Miami base involvement in arrival of Pedro Diaz Lanz in U.S.

(ASSET)

Lanz party - Diaz Lanz, his wife Tania [REDACTED] Carlos Echegoyen. Echegoyen [REDACTED] had chartered boat to pick up Diaz Lanz. Wanted to hold party several days. Diaz concerned about his brother Marcos.

(ASSET)

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[REDACTED] assisted hiding Diaz. [REDACTED] of Army visited, wanted to talk to Diaz despite CIA's attempts to let him rest.

Tentative plan was Diaz would be taken from INS, put in a secure place, moved to another area in country, put thru intensive interrogations then removed to foreign area where he would be starved. Gen. Cabell expected to discuss matter w/ [REDACTED]

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Pedro - Diaz Lanz PDD

re. turn over of Diaz to [redacted] complications then set in - different versions of what passed betw. Gen Cabell and Gen. Suing; appearance of Eastland Committee rep.

- Article - Drew Pearson - Wash Post - 7-24-59 - "Defecting Cuban Chief Exploited."

- Memo for Record 15 July 1959  
Re: Testimony of Diaz Lanz. (testified 14 July)  
Prominent communists -

Fidel, Raul, Vilma Castro, Ernesto Guevara, Anton Nunez, Armando Hart, Manuel Pineiro, Arnaldo Ramiro Valdez, Juan Pina, Juan Escalona, Juan Llanusa, Ecelio Gomez Ochoa, David Salvador, Carlos Franqui, Gen. Alberto Bayo, Frank Torre.

- Sp. lang. article 17 Jul 59. "Verdadera Estructura Crica Pedro Diaz Lanz"

- CIA Memo of Conversation 10 July 59.  
Re: Tel. conversation w/ Herbert Mee, Dir of Intellig Bureau of Immigration. w/ [redacted] (Employee)

- Draft Memo for Record [redacted] (initialed)  
8 July 59 Re: Diaz Lanz case.

Info recd from friends of Diaz in Miami - name Byers & son: Sergio Diaz & Carlos Echigozen (former civilian in Cuban AF Intell.) who had obtained boat in Miami which was used to bring Diaz from Cuba, had gone to see Byers immed. after their release by MBS. They were accompanied by Frank Fiorini, A

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( Pedro Diaz Lanz DDO

citizen w/ reputation as shady businessman who lives in Miami.

They said Schroeder (INS) told Diaz he is to appear before Senate Sub Committee; would receive 100% U.S. govt support in overthrowing Castro.

- Prior to Diaz' departure the Cuban Air Force purchased one C-46 and one B-25 aircraft in Miami area. Aircraft in Byers' custody but in Fiorini's name. Fiorini (until 7 July) trying to get Byers to sell aircraft & turn \$ over to him (Fiorini). On 8 July Fiorini asked Byers to hold C-46 for revolutionary plans & sell B-25. (Fiorini accompanied by Sergio Diaz on 8 July)

- Discussion Paper - 7 July 59 Re Diaz - publicity of Diaz Lanz' arrival.

- Cable from Dir to <sup>certain</sup> foreign L.A. Stations 2 July 59
- Requests max. press and radio exploitation of defection 20 June of Diaz Lanz, w/ recommendations on particulars of story.

- Dispatch 2 July 1959 to Chief WHD from COS ~~██████████~~ re Diaz Lanz - Misc - Enclosures - 2 copies of letter from Diaz Lanz to Cuban President.

- Cable 22 June 59. TO Dir from ~~██████████~~ (Indicator) re: departure of Diaz Lanz for U.S. Requesting ~~██████████~~ not divulge entry ~~██████████~~ of Pedro Diaz Lanz (Indicator) United States

- Cable 21 June 59 to Dir from ~~██████████~~ Re: Diaz Lanz departure - w/ help of Jim Byers American, Pres. Aerodex Corp using Byers yacht. Requests no publicity.

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- Information Report 15 Jun 59

Re: Chief of Air Force's confidential statements about need for counterrevolution against Castro.

Source: US businessman, operator of private consulting company. Also rep. for major US aircraft manufacturer. Spoke at length w/ source regarding symptoms of Castro's communist tendencies.

- Cable 7 Jan 59 to Dir from [REDACTED]

Re: 1. Fall Batista stunned Bayamo rebels.

2. Cuban Air force demobilized. Will be built up from scratch. Former officers to be investigated for atrocities. Many <sup>not responsible</sup> to be court-martialed. "Source Fiorini (F) from Diaz Lanz Chief Rebel Air Force"

- Cable 25 Nov. 58. to Dir from [REDACTED] Unpa Michoacan, Rept 3 tons Cuban rebel arms confiscated. 11 Cubans, 1 American captured - of Cubans - Pedro Ruiz Lanz (probably Diaz Lanz) and Amer = Frank Fiorini. Fiorini named co-pilot and owner plane C-46. Fiorini known as "Francisco" among Cubans. (asul)  
Of interest absence name [REDACTED]

- Cable 22 Nov. 58

Rept Cuban rebels and Amer. w/ C-46 captured at Apatzingan Airport Michoacan. Captured (partial list) Diaz Lanz, Frank Fiorini.

- Cable 14 Nov 58 (asul)

Rept [REDACTED] - brought air plane Phoenix Ariz., scheduled for departure 12 or 13 Nov for Veracruz Mex. enroute Venezuela. Diaz Lanz will prob. accompany [REDACTED] (asul)

- Cable 11 Nov 58

[REDACTED] + Diaz Lanz in San Francisco. Fiorini left Mex (asul)

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(Cassell)

for PRISCO by car car night 4 Nov. meet pilots.  
[redacted] and Diaz going Ariz. but expect return  
Governor Hotel. - Poss. Kingman, Ariz re: planes

- Cable 2 Nov 58 to Dir from [redacted]  
man trav. w/ subjs identified as Frank Porini (Cassell)  
man prob. Pedro Luiz Diaz Lanz and [redacted]  
[redacted] poss. going Venezuela.

- Cable 30 Oct 58 to Dir from [redacted]  
(Cassell) [redacted] and Diaz Lanz arr. [redacted] by car  
27 Oct 58. Believed had visa trouble at border.  
Unidentified man accompanied them

- Cable 19 Aug 58 to Dir from [redacted]  
Fameica police questioned [redacted] 14 Aug seeking identifie  
addresses. 5 Aug. [redacted] contacted by Diaz Lanz,  
pilot of Beechcraft plane N-48-Q, who visits Kingston  
often and believed by [redacted] police to be Fidel  
Castro courier or pilot. Rignero said Diaz only brought  
personal greetings -

- 201 file request  
To RI/Analysis section 15 Feb 1959.  
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- News articles -

Angosty April 1976

NY Daily News - 21 April 1975 by Paul Meskil.

- Dispatch to Chief from Chief DELETED - GET FULL COPY

Progress Rept 1-31 Aug 63.

W/ help of Fiorini - able to keep informed of activities of Diaz Lanz bros. in attempts to mount air raid over Cuba. Information

then passed to local security agencies in time for them to thwart plans.

- Daily Summary - 1 Aug 63

Flight of 28 July over Havana aborted - bombs & fuel raid planned.

[REDACTED]

Lanz bros to leave cars at home to appear as though they are home, but will attempt to reach their Williams Ranch where plane to be used for raid is located. Fiorini said plane will carry several bombs made from 100 lb practice bombs cut down to smaller size and filled w/ nuts and bolts for shrapnel.

[REDACTED] + former Cuban airlines pilot to have participated in raid.

- 8 May 63 - Fiorini told source he had been approached by Marcos to patch up differences and cooperate in "anti-Castro activity". Said



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money from Cuban in Wash who had helped before. Only told that ~~into~~ operator would be air strike - Pedro would be pilot. Kent plane thru indirect channels. Lanz bros. assisting in sale of yacht.

"Fiorini had been working w/ the bros. until a falling out. Union is now evidently being repaired."

- Memo - re: Robt Swanner, Robt Thompson - Roto allegedly shot down over Cuba in Dec. 1961.
- 20 Mar 63 - Memo to S.J. Grogan, asst to Director.
- investigation by U.S. Auth. hampered by stories - but appears. Wm Johnson, Swanner, Fiorini made 21 Oct 61 overflight - Camaguey for leaflet drop. Rorke claims he went as observer.

8 Dec. Swanner intercepted in Nassau. Met in Nassau by Johnson, Rorke, Fiorini. Tried to get permit to fly to Great Exuma Island, but permit denied, plane impounded.

10 Dec. leaflets found on Norman Cay.

14 Dec. Thompson flew to Ft Lauderdale to pick up Johnson. At some point Johnson left group, and Fiorini, Swanner & Thompson flew to Andros Island.

17 Dec. Thompson and plane cornered by J. Dan Finger) ~~reported~~ missing.

18 Dec. Rorke, Fiorini, Johnson charter plane in Miami for trip to Bimini and Cay Sal.

Rorke id'd self as CBS photographer looking for photos of pink flamingos. Plane flew criss-cross pattern over Cay Sal and returned to Miami. No info re whereabouts of Thompson, Swanner and plane until Mar 63 - story plane shot down over Cuba.

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? No

Johnson, Fiorini, Rorke claim CIA Sponsorship - In fact, have had none. Sponsor appears to be Sergio Rojas Santamaria - possibly over-zealous - some of his activities had been CIA sponsored.

March 62 Raymond J. Dwyer rep.ing Finger poss. litigation af. insurer of aircraft. Approach CIA re: poss. govt involvement - which was denied. No indication from Castro's speeches to what happened.

No agency info on other "elements of incident as repts in references, including:"

- Mrs. Swanner's story of having driven Swanner, Johnson, Fiorini to Ft Lauderdale to load boat w/ leaflets.
- \$500.00 check reptdly given to Mrs. Swanner & Mrs. Thompson by Fiorini.
- Mrs. Swanner's reptd trip to Andros Island w/ her son and friend of her husband.
- Mysterious phone calls to Mrs. Swanner, Mrs. Thompson & others.
- Role of Gene Asbury and Norman Gratsky (Gratsky?)

Ref. to Martino - prob. John Vincent Martino. Sentenced to 13 yrs prison in 59; released Oct. 62 - not Dec as reptd. Was not, is not emp'd by CIA.

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## Volume II

(Pedro DIAZ)

- 12/4/60 Cable to Director fr. WAVE

Hamilton impressed w/ man's sincerity & potential  
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] enthusiastic over ref.

trip but wanted very careful preparation in order to avoid any poss. fail. Suggested ample advance publicity order condition host governments to granting necessary visas and landing permits.

(Pedro Diaz)

[REDACTED] speeding up work on A/C which can be ready O/A 15 Dec. Plane can accomodate number named WAVE 2051

Q:

C/S comment: HQS approved planning Diaz Lanz propaganda "Flight of truth" as proposed HQS by [REDACTED] (Employee)

- 12/8/60 Cable to Div Ar WAVE

Carlos Oscar Echevarren Leon plans expose in leading magazine re: [REDACTED] (INDICATOR) States [REDACTED] will say - [REDACTED] backing [REDACTED] (INDICATOR) (OLG) [REDACTED] (INDICATOR) (OLG) or MRR) w/ funds & equipment. [REDACTED] (INDICATOR) leftist & Communist dominated group and "Fidelistas sin Fidel". [REDACTED] (INDICATOR) gives [REDACTED] (INDICATOR) half million per month cover operating costs. Reveal number plane

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furnished <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted] by <sup>(CIA)</sup> <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted] and location. <sup>Reveals</sup>

- will reveal training sites [Guat] <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted] personnel working w/ <sup>(CIA)</sup> <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted] and <sup>(CIA)</sup> <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted] plans for invasion Cuba.
- Expose <sup>(CIA)</sup> <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted] for buying off <sup>(CIA)</sup> <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted] personnel wash.

[Claims discussed above & 5 NOV 62 invasion plans <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted] from Guat. w/ Jounine, late Oct. 62.] <sup>(CIA)</sup> <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted] Two men from <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted] assured Echegoyen funds would be w/held from support <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted]. Capable carrying out threat  
once close Diaz Lanz, but now distrusts him.

Could attempt to discredit Echegoyen

- 6 Dec 60 cable To Dir from <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted] & recommend candidates for certain fields -  
Lawyer - <sup>(CIA)</sup> <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted]  
Student - <sup>(CIA)</sup> <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted]  
Soldier - <sup>(CIA)</sup> <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted]  
Professor - [Oscar de la Vega?] <sup>(CIA)</sup> <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted]  
<sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> <sup>(CIA)</sup> <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted] Cathol. Actr: <sup>(CIA)</sup> <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [redacted]

[redacted] sounding out opinion/desirability of including Diaz Lanz specifically

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- 6 Dec 60 Cable to <sup>(INDICATOR)</sup> [REDACTED] <sup>(area)</sup> [REDACTED] to Dir.

<sup>from</sup> [Rodriguez Tamaya] "El Mexicano" offering G-2 info re Diaz Lanz group. Report would put subjects ↑ in prison, claims [Tamayo] Claims female friend Diaz Lanz working Miami airport also G-2 agent

- Suggest Diaz Lanz be cautioned re our doubts loyalty his immed. friends.

- Dispatch 29 NOV 60 to Chief WH div fr. Chief OS, <sup>(area)</sup> [REDACTED].

<sup>excerpts</sup>  
- Conversation betw. <sup>(Caret)</sup> [REDACTED] & State 29 Nov 60 Varona says of Lanz - "a young man, somewhat impetuous, who is now working with us."

- 28 NOV 60 Cable to <sup>(Indicator)</sup> [REDACTED] From DIR.
1. Disapprove para 3 & 7 ref. HQS does not desire additional Cuban pilots & does not wish give Diaz Lanz and Company false impression by instituting even limited training program.
  2. <sup>(amt)</sup> [REDACTED] advised HQS he passed

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US \$5000 obtained from private sources to <sup>Lanz</sup> repair B-25. Further states aircraft repd & Lanz intends make leaflet drop on or about 30 Nov. Possible (C/H) (INDICATOR) funds passed (asset) for prop use now being diverted repair aircraft.

3. HQS policy re no (INDICATOR) (US GOVT) sponsored overflight from (INDICATOR) (USA) SHU stands. (INDICATOR) requested take immed. steps to stop flight. If cannot accomplish this by persuasion notify local auth. poss. such a flt to enable them impound aircraft. Essential avoid poss. such indep. air ops jeopardize own air ops including use Opa Locka.

4. Realize Lanz may be polit. asset. It so can best be used that purpose w/in (Cop. crypt) - org

(Employee)  
WH comment: [redacted] states Lanz requests funds to repair personally owned B-25 at cost of US \$5,000. Also wants US \$2,240 to give Link training to 9 pilots for 3 mos.

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- Cable 24 NOV 60 to Dir fr [REDACTED] (INDICATOR)

1- Diaz Lanza joined [REDACTED] <sup>Op. Copper</sup> bringing pilots: Abel Hera Cotton, Frank Florini; [REDACTED] <sup>(asset)</sup>, [REDACTED] <sup>(asset)</sup>, [REDACTED] <sup>(asset)</sup>, Nestor Alvarez <sup>(asset)</sup>, [REDACTED] <sup>(asset)</sup>. Marcos Diaz Lanza also joined.

2 Shortly after joining [REDACTED] <sup>(ORC)</sup>, Diaz suggested to [REDACTED] <sup>(asset)</sup> est. of spec. mission group comprising above personnel, all of whom, according to Diaz are qualified as A/C mechanics. The group would drop [REDACTED] <sup>(ORC)</sup> leaflets on cities, small towns & cooperatives & could fly cargo missions when required.

3 To prepare themselves for standby readiness Diaz has requested [REDACTED] <sup>(asset)</sup> (\$ [REDACTED] <sup>(asset)</sup>) has queried [REDACTED] <sup>(Employment)</sup> for funds to: (A) rehab. the personally-owned B-25 A/C of Diaz at cost of approx. DLS\$5000. (B) Provide pilots w/ Link trainer time (8 pilots at 10hrs. monthly, at cost of Dls 8 per hour) and (C) consider purchase

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of float equipped Cessna 180 &/or 210  
for infil/exfil ops.

4. Diaz is proceeding w/ B-25 rehab.  
via loan \$2,500 from <sup>(asset)</sup> [redacted]  
[redacted] for which, according  
to [redacted] - 1, he will air drop  
Bohemia over Cuba.

5. While realize present policy  
precludes US.-based flights, desire at  
minimum maintain flight  
proficiency this integrated group whose  
current & future activities could be  
monitored & directed by the newly-  
established joint Cuban/Amer. ops  
section of the mil. commission.  
Beyond being a pilot, Diaz Lanz exudes  
a certain mystique which the press has  
been quick to recog. Thus he is  
a current propaganda & polit. asset  
as well as a potential milit. asset.

(asset)  
6. [redacted] commented somewhat  
equivocally that Diaz Lanz joined  
[redacted] (OS) primarily to solve his  
econ. probs. However, [redacted] (employee) believes  
Diaz highly motivated & recognizes

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[redacted] as mainstream anti-Castro org.

Temp. solution has been to assign Diaz group to transport commission, which now functions under MIL Commission, but funds are not currently budgeted for link trainer time.

7. Request HQs approve initial link trainer refresher of DLS 960; 15 hrs. each pilot, then monthly cost of DLS 640. Not likely training to extend beyond 3 mos.
8. Feel political advantages keeping Diaz satisfied and cooperative well worth above relatively minor expenditure.

- Document transfer & cross-ref. 27 Sep-60  
Diaz Lanz made offer of arrest by GuSi. of [redacted]

- 12 Oct 60 cable to Dir fr. [redacted] <sup>PLACE (area)</sup>  
Re: developments in [redacted] <sup>(ORC)</sup>  
- [redacted] <sup>(Cassell)</sup> has left [redacted] following a disagreement w/ other leaders. He is now joining forces w/ groups led by Diaz Lanz, [redacted] <sup>(former Cassell)</sup> & others. <sup>(ORC)</sup>  
- Varona apptd coord. of [redacted] in spite opp. [redacted] <sup>(Cassell)</sup>  
- <sup>Rept</sup> Developments re: fighting in Cuba -

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- Memo for record re: Rept meeting w/ Sergio

By: ~~[redacted]~~ Rojas. Re: ~~27 Sept 60~~ ~~[redacted]~~ employee,  
in trash 27 Sept.

Spoke to Rojas before planned to departure  
to Miami to see ~~[redacted]~~ <sup>(asset)</sup> in an <sup>(OR6)</sup>  
effort to give other side than Anti-~~[redacted]~~  
Rojas relatively objective but on balance  
favored view of young revolutionaries of  
Alianza de liberacion. Analyzed situation  
of ~~[redacted]~~ <sup>(OR6)</sup> accurately. ~~[redacted]~~ <sup>(asset)</sup>  
became rep. in ~~[redacted]~~ <sup>(OR6Y)</sup> for ~~[redacted]~~ <sup>(OR6)</sup>, then  
represented only own views to exclusion of  
~~[redacted]~~ <sup>(OR6)</sup> interests. lamented that number of  
young men i.e. Chirca, Diaz Lanz,  
Rino Diaz (Presum., Rojas unaware  
Rino Diaz's mission) wasted by  
not being put to use. by as result of  
differences b/w. young revol. & ~~[redacted]~~ <sup>(OR6)</sup>  
"Los viejos" Politicos in ~~[redacted]~~ <sup>(OR6)</sup> too far to  
right. Asked if US might lend  
support to more than one group. Was  
told U.S. not supporting any group.  
Asked if military types & perhaps  
Alianza could be given support.  
Rojas <sup>strong feeling</sup> said unity w/ ~~[redacted]~~ <sup>(OR6)</sup> and young  
revol. not poss. This time - Too anti-  
~~[redacted]~~ <sup>(OR6)</sup> sentiment. Fell politicos of ~~[redacted]~~ <sup>(OR6)</sup>  
self-seeking. Young revol. suffering bitterness,

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disillusionment

R. suggested ~~participate~~ meeting with [redacted] - Members but not 5 principals. Counter-suggestion made Rojas suggest friends, es. [redacted] [redacted] to approach [redacted] again.

- Memo 19 Sept 60 for: C/WH [redacted] from [redacted] (Employer)  
Re: Request for FBI check

(NOTE: Ans. to check on Moya in Paneque's file)

Avianza people reptd in town - Diaz Lanz, [redacted] (and) [redacted] Paneque ("Drejo"), Higinio "Nino" Diaz. - could be reached at address of Mrs. Anna Moya. Indicates. Rcvd info that Paneque may be Castro plant. Suggest Buero check on horse and Mrs. Moya, as well as furnish info on Paneque and/or his activities in U.S.

Paneque's NY address: San Rafael Hotel, 65 W. 45th St, Rm 1E Tel. JA2-4800

- Memo for: C/WH [redacted] 12 SEPT 60  
fr: WH/[redacted] - [redacted] (Employer)  
Re: Cubans desirous of meeting w/ State Dept Reps.

Senor China, Paneque, Diaz Lanz, [redacted] (and) [redacted] desire meeting. Indicates St. Dept. personnel have no desire to see Cubans. Author indicates desire since Cubans cold should

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no encouragement - cannot operate independently  
w/ any type of US support or assistance.

- cable 6 SEP 60 to Dir from [redacted] (INDICATOR) .. [redacted] (place)

Indicates "COTIS" in military staff -  
relations [redacted] (asset) & balance [redacted] (org.)  
lines of auth. { Resp. [redacted] (indicator) } committees  
badly snarled view recent insistence  
[redacted] (asset) his prerogative as [redacted] (org.)  
member

General ill feeling & distrust senior [redacted] (org.)  
toward [redacted] (asset) also applies "his boys".  
In military field these include Oscar Diaz  
(ground), [redacted] (asset) (recruiting),  
and [redacted] (asset) (naval).

Most immed. issue - Pedro Diaz Lanz who  
walked in recruiting ofc. last wk August &  
volunteered to join [redacted] (org.) pilot group as an  
individual. Milif. agreed Diaz Lanz fine  
pilot, joining [redacted] (org.) "political plum".  
Since he founding member competing "Ariaca".  
[redacted] (asset) and [redacted] (asset) only lukewarm.  
At juncture [redacted] (asset) stepped in, ordered MILCOM  
accept Diaz Lanz, succeeded putting all  
senior mil. staff members in oppos.  
Issue still unresolved. Sr [redacted] (military)

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(org)  
[redacted] agree meeting absolute necessity to  
revalidate their positions vis à vis [redacted] (org) as  
body & particularly their positions in respect  
individual [redacted] (org) members [redacted] (asset)  
[redacted] (asset)

- Cable Aug 26, 60 to Dir from [redacted] (place)  
Partially Re: Armando Lora Hernandez - Miros man.  
He was close to [redacted] (asset); maintains contact  
with Diaz Lanz. Org. resistance in Cuba. Regas  
assistance.

- Cable Aug 17 60 to Dir from [redacted] (place)  
Dissension in [redacted] (org) group more  
extensive than financial troubles. Lora/[redacted]  
split caused serious internal repercussions  
in terms [redacted] (org) group receiving via  
their channels from [redacted] (asset) that [redacted] (asset) [redacted]  
now supporting [redacted] Nino Diaz, Diaz Lanz.

(org)  
- [redacted] Form - Control de Personal - Pedro Luis  
Diaz Lanz

- Memo for Chief WHD Re: Alex. Roarke (Bic), Jr.  
6 Jul 60. Fr. [redacted] (Employee)  
In interview of Roarke w/ rep. of [redacted] in NYC,  
Roarke said Diaz Lanz most deserving of U.S.  
support. Knows Diaz Lanz; planning to

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appear on T.V. program NYC 5 July.  
said [redacted] have agreed to give Diaz Lane  
mil. base in Nicaragua. Will call it Committee  
to Rescue L. Amer. from Communism or  
similar. Rorke Claims Spruille  
Braden tentatively agreed to support  
committee.

(Indicator)

- Cable 28 June 1960 to [redacted] fr: Dir. (out)  
Pedro Diaz Lanz not connected [redacted] in any  
way [redacted] will brief WH Comment: concerned  
surfacing in Cuba Rica of org. headed by PDL
- Office Memo - 24 Je 60 to Chief WH/FI Division  
ATTN. [redacted] From: Chief Contact  
Division, [redacted]  
Re: Pedro Diaz Lanz.  
From [redacted] signed by [redacted] (employee)  
[redacted]

In interview, requested by Lanz to ask "what  
people think I should do". expressed desire to  
work to overthrow Castro. Not very enthusiastic  
about anti-Castro [redacted] org. in [redacted] (employee)  
Reservations about trustworthiness of [redacted]

- Message to the People of Cuba & Brothers of  
America of the Cuban Constitutional  
Crusade. Signed 6/16/60 by PDL,

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Cmdr Abel Hera Corton; Capt Nabel J. M. Gonzalez.

- Cable 18 June 60 to Div fr: <sup>(Indicates)</sup> [REDACTED]  
18 June Diario Las Americas carries ad surfacing group called Cruzada Cubana Constitucional signed by PDL, Corton, Gonzalez.

Cable indicates concern for need of controlled & coordinated propaganda effort.  
Avoid premature releases

- Dispatch 12-Jan-60 <sup>Pedro Diaz</sup>  
Chief WH Div, from [REDACTED] WHD Rep.  
Re: Contact w/ [REDACTED] 10 JAN 60  
by [REDACTED] <sup>(Completes)</sup>  
Indicates bitter feud betw. [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] <sup>(Assult)</sup>  
Also [REDACTED] <sup>(Assult)</sup> assaulted [REDACTED] <sup>(Assult)</sup>  
<sup>(See Marcos Lim)</sup>  
Discussed [REDACTED] <sup>(See Marcos Lim)</sup> recent trip to [REDACTED] <sup>(Pedro Diaz)</sup>  
aware but personally opposed ~~to~~ since  
[REDACTED] took along Sergio Brunell and Fiorini. INS took Fiorini's passport when he re-entered the US. Apparently they are "prepared to throw the book at Fiorini." Fiorini in real danger of losing

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his citizenship

(notes INS also taking action ag. haskers)

Indicates [redacted] has ideas of his own,  
and [redacted] does not try to stand in  
his way. (P. 11/1/62)

- 7 Jul 60 to Dir fr: [redacted] <sup>Indicator</sup> Cable  
PDL about to initiate fund-raising  
campaign for group.

Suggests raise w/ [redacted]  
obvious probs arising out of premature  
support anti Castro movement generally,  
PDL specifically

WH Comment. Ref indicates Diaz-Lora  
preparing launch offensive against Castro  
from Guatemala

- 13 May 60 Cable to Dir from: [redacted] <sup>place</sup>  
repts - PDL plans to land well-prepared  
force 70-100 Cubans. ASAP - poss. end of May

- 13 May 60 Cable to Dir: fr: [redacted] <sup>place</sup>  
Rept [redacted] <sup>for</sup> broke contact w/ [redacted] <sup>(org.)</sup>  
due discovery it heavily penetrated.  
NOTE: ref: cable stated [redacted] <sup>assent</sup>  
[redacted] repts 6 May group of Cubans

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undergoing guerilla warfare training  
Miami area under command Diaz Lanz

- Cable May 12 60 to Dir [redacted]  
Action: WHS [redacted], WH Div  
notified 2035, 11 May 60

Summary activities PDL indicating action  
imminent.

Rept - meeting-discussion betw. [Alliegro,  
Piedro, Paget] re: support for PDL -  
US \$50,000 mentioned as goal. Not  
known whether funds handed over to  
PDL tho. Rept'd funds obtained.

Repts - force - perhaps 100 men, formed by  
PDL, under supervision Florini - PDL in pos-  
session considerable funds -  
some portion \$50 grand? since  
much equipment issued to men being  
given field training outskirts Miami by  
Florini - men vaccinated. Have 2  
boats, 2 aircraft at their disposal.  
Believed DL contemplating move  
directly from FLA to Cuba. Guest  
mentioned - staging base for expedition

[redacted] re: developments  
They will contact Florini - PDL under

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circumstances do not intend to contact PDL myself

Suggests close attention both psychol. & polit. implications of such exped. move~~ment~~ by PDL. Question raised whether some action should be taken to "submarine"

D-L's plans. - on premise "well established" D-L thoroughly discredited both in Cuba & w/ more resp. exile elements & has consistently provided "effective peg from Castro for propaganda" & effect move by DL at this time might have on ~~INDICATOR~~ planning & timing. Also, implications of poss. accomodation w/ ouat. Govt on PDL need careful consideration.

"In light of poss. harmful results of PDL venture, may wish consider proposing coordinated action by U.S. Govt to frustrate this before it gets off the ground."

- News article Miami Herald 10 April 1960  
"18 Castro's Time Run Out"

(Employee)  
- Memo for DCI via DDP 30 March 60  
Re: CIA involvement in case of Carlos  
Pras Lanz, former Deputy Director of

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Cuban Revol. Air Force and Applicant for U.S.  
Permanent resident visa.

June 59

PDL resigned - as Chief of Cub. Rev. AF, fled to  
US. <sup>Havana</sup> Marcos went into hiding. Asked for help  
to U.S. Exfiltrated him via shipping line  
. Arr. Tampa, Fla 27 July 59. Deported  
in Tampa & Miami. Presented himself at  
INS off., Miami, requesting asylum which  
was granted.

Wife & children left Cuba <sup>w/CI Assist.</sup> Aug 59 for  
Mexico, then joined MDL on 24 Sept  
59.

MDL left US via New Orleans for ~~██████████~~  
to obtain US resident visa to  
permit him to go into business in  
order to earn living. INS wouldn't  
allow him to return. ~~that~~

~~Sept~~ Indicates rebuttal <sup>for</sup> comment  
from ~~ben~~ <sup>from</sup> ~~ben~~ <sup>that</sup> CIA said MDL intends to  
continue warlike tactics if he is able to  
return to the U.S.:

Cable 26 March 60 to: Dir from Miami.  
(Ref) See PDL as forlorn, Bewildered, outcast.  
Re: ~~██████████~~ Excommunicated by ~~██████████~~ <sup>(Contact)</sup> for involving  
self w/ Batistianos. ~~██████████~~ <sup>Did</sup> sign ~~██████████~~ /  
~~██████████~~ "unity" pledges but was clearly

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in middle that circus, finally kissed off  
by [redacted] as little boy playing man's  
game. [redacted] feeling sorry for old friend  
Has told PDL he could still be of use to  
them if willing take orders, avoid publicity.  
Believe PDL constitutionally incapable of  
later. Believe inclusion of PDL, would  
be somewhat menace.

3/9/70

- Memo for the record 21 Feb 60

Re: Telephone report from Miami on Activities of  
Francisco Cajigas

Indicates PDL conferring w/ Cajigas, who is planning  
meeting in Managua [redacted] Nicaragua

- Dispatch to Chief WH Div fr: [redacted] WHD Rep.  
17 Feb 60. Re: Summary of current  
Pedro DIA 2 [redacted] activities. Written by [redacted] (employee)  
[redacted]  
meeting 18 Jan 60 - [redacted] visited Nicaraguan  
Emb w/ [redacted] in Wash re:  
assistance of Nicaragua for military  
expedition against Castro

Having difficulty w/ INS re passport Distressed  
by attitude of [redacted] who reminded  
him they could arrest him at any time

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(Indecision)

Author talked to [redacted] re: This matter/  
Pedro DIAZ

[redacted] answering rejecting scheme to meet  
Somoza as arranged by Luis Arenas.

(Pedro DIAZ)

Discussion w/ [redacted] re: Cruzada Constitucional  
Cubana (CCC), [redacted] <sup>(Pedro DIAZ)</sup> one-man crusade  
not intended to be organization

(Employee)

[redacted] characterizing PDL as very naive, "a  
base in the woods" in these matters. [redacted] Publicly  
hurting him; but "by no means a  
total loss".]

- Dispatch 2 Feb 60

TO WHD Rep Liam, [redacted]  
pr: Chief WHD signed [redacted]  
re: Meeting of F. Castro w/ Gustavo Machado  
in Caracas as rptd by PDL.

(Employee)

Requests interview of PDL by [redacted]  
"in most minute detail" concerning  
his knowledge of contacts <sup>set up</sup> by Machado  
and Castro as rptd in Parade,  
Nash Post 3 Jan 60.

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- Dispatch 18 Jan 60

70: Chief WH Div

FROM: ~~██████████~~ WHD Rep. Pedro DIAZ

Re: rpt of contact w/ [REDACTED] 18 Jan 60

Author - ~~(Complimentary)~~

Info re: meetings betw [Nunez Portuondo]  
and PDL re: whether or not Portuondo  
willing to lend support to military operation  
led by [REDACTED] w/out political commitment  
to Nunez Portuondo for future.

PDL discussions re: est. non-profit org  
to raise funds for activities.

note [redacted] who who would be involved,  
told [redacted] about scheme, but used  
name [redacted], suggesting combine of

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ was  
somehow getting read into this group.

Dispatch 12 Jan 60

To Chief WH Div

Fr Miami WH Rep - signed

Re: CONTACT W/ ~~REDACTED~~ 10 Jan 60.

Among items:

- PDL considering forming military unit to infiltrate Andra for action ag. Govt.

- Dispute betw PDL, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] grita

Joe Brown 1A2

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bad.

PDL had protected [redacted] (Gen. Marcos Diaz) recent trip to Guatemala w/ [redacted] (asset) and

Fiorini. Fiorini - question whether he will be admitted back to U.S. [redacted] FBI ready to "throw the book" at him.

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"Political Action File  
(Jan 1961—)

- Memo for Ofc Legis. Counsel : 11 NOV 77  
Fr: ~~[redacted]~~ (employee), Chief LA. Div  
Re: Allegation by Senior Cuban diplomat  
concerning role of Cuban exiles in the  
assass. of Pres. Kennedy.
  - no further info to supplement this info.  
May have been referring to either  
Pedro or Marcos -  
Notes assoc. w/ Shurgis; article of  
20 Sept. 77 re: Lorenz allegations.
- Memo for Ofc LC 3 NOV 77  
From Chief LA DIV  
Re: same as above.  
Repts - fairly reliable source said senior

Cuban diplomat stationed abroad, made charges in late Sep 77 to his colleagues that Cuban exiles such as former Cu. Air Force officer Diaz Lam (fmr) & others had been involved in assass.

Division believes basis for statement presumably article of 20 Sep 77 in N.Y. - Lorenz allegations

- DO Document extract - 63 8 Nov 77

June 63 Marcos DL invited Frank Porini to join raid against Cuba 15 Jun using moppy owned by him & susj. Others on raid [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of [REDACTED].

- 'DOC. transfer - X ref - 17 JAN 69

Former head Cuban revol. AF interested making trip Cuba to sink Russian ship.

- Doc X fer - X ref 26 Jan 64

Reptly working w/ [REDACTED] (case)

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on projected raid on Cuba which was to originate from Miami area.

- Memo to Dir. FBI ATTN [REDACTED] 17 JAN 64  
FR: DD P.  
Re: Accusations made by PDL.

- Rep from this agency rec'd info 11 NOV 63 from untested source concerning meeting of [REDACTED] in NYC on 3 Nov. 63 during which PDL made following impromptu remarks:

- Claimed state Dept asked him to work w/them on condition he make no pub. statements accusing Castro of being communist.

Offered post of Chief of AF in Guat. by [REDACTED] but refused.

[REDACTED] offered mayorship of Marianao

Reynolds

- Accused Kennedy of being Communist [REDACTED] as being Communist.

- Said Cubans had fight alone - JFK admin - would not help. Said if the US govt were to give one rifle to the exiles, the exiles would be wise to make sure it did not fire back thru the stock instead of thru the barrel.

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- Original dispatch of above -  
with crypts -  
to Chief-Spec. Affairs Staff  
fr: COS JMWAVE

[has handwritten note - For the record  
(employee) never met Lanz, who was  
handled by the PH. section of the  
project at that time -

10/1/64

Signed

(employee)  
[redacted] WH Drv)  
same mark

- Doc X for & X Ref - 31 Jul 63

PDL involved in abortive attempt in air  
strike & ballet raid on Habana, Cuba  
squashed by [redacted] FBI

- Doc X for & X ref 12 June 63

June 9, 63 Marcos DL. invited Borini to  
join raid ag. Cuba to take place weekend 15  
June, using kappy owned by Pedro &  
Marcos. Others join: [redacted] &  
(assist) [redacted] - a [redacted] official.

- Trace Request 15 Apr. 63 fr PDL

A "Subject is dropped w/out prejudice.

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- Doc X fer & X Ref 25 Mar 63

Draz owns 2 P.T. boats in Miami area -  
Re: rental by subj. of 35 ft speed  
boat to anti-Castro grp.

- Doc X fer & X Ref . 23 Feb 62

Subject: [REDACTED] (orig.)  
de Cusa. [REDACTED] (orig.)

Draz Ranz Came to Miami office w/ 2  
companions, [REDACTED] (asset) [REDACTED]

"SIMON" - Mbr of [REDACTED] (orig.)

Recently acquired 4 boats from Hampton &  
Roads Salvage Co. of Tallahassee.

[Other companion not id'd.]

- Cable 11 Feb 61

to [REDACTED]

From: WAVE

Oscar DIAZ

note:

not Oscar

leave in

Re: info that Lt Col [REDACTED] Chief  
Pers of MILCOM conspired to slow up  
recruiting - discredit recruiting team.

Found Diaz manipulating records &  
was sabotaging behind MILCOM and  
[REDACTED] (U.S.) back.

WAVE comment:

Evidence turned up confirmed intrigue by  
Diaz

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- Doc X fer & X ref 05 OCT 62

Re: Anti-Castro Activities.

Info:

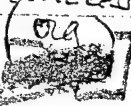
PDL spoke at meeting held at Bayfront Park 9/29/62 - told Cubans idea of recruiting Cubans "dreamed up" by U.S. to keep fooling the Cubans. Claimed Cubans had been tricked because they did not understand what was going on.

- Trace request 30 Apr. 62

After discussion betw. a rep. of this Agency & the Dept of Army on 28 May 62, the Dept of Army has agreed, in view of info contained in our Agency files, to drop interest in Subj.

- Biography PDL.

Revol. activities begun in 52 when he started running rifles into Cuba for Prio. '53 exiled in Miami until 55, and started ferrying arms to Castro. 58 apptd chief of 26 July AFI, held until defection to 59. Leaflet drop Oct 59.

Not known to belong in any polit. party. Formed own movement - CCC but was unsuccessful in obtaining support; considered by 

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& other moderately liberal groups as including some ex-Batista army officers. Reptd in April 1960 Diaz had committed CCC & SCIF to group headed by [redacted] <sup>(assault)</sup>. However, subsequently, CCC merged w/ Avianza de Liberacion - amalgamation of several younger groups of Cuban exiles. Although considered somewhat of a "hothead", does have considerable stature as former Chief of AF and recently he & some of his followers accepted into [redacted] <sup>org</sup>.

Currently - Member [redacted] <sup>(org)</sup>.

Endorsed by - [redacted], [redacted]  
[redacted]

- Memo for: WH [redacted] 5 Jan. 62  
Re: Overdue Accts.

Pedro Diaz Lanz - \$400 passed on 19 Jan 61 as expense money for a prop tour taken w/ him & [redacted] <sup>(assault)</sup> & others. Plan called for use of Diaz Lanz's plane piloted by him. Plan changed found too difficult to get necessary permits for plane. Finally [redacted] <sup>(assault)</sup> went alone when PDL balked at being [redacted] shadow. Meantime, Diaz Lanz dabbling in politics, appeared before Senate Committee and succeeded in making himself useless as a



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Kolke (01) 278-4000 est. 6/5/61

Bloom - need the SCS

Miers

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etc 704 377 200

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check in subject's file -

call Aisbrook

Altman

Jan Mather

propaganda asset.

signed - [redacted]

- Cable to JMWAVE from Dir. 6 July 61.

request JMWAVE review requirements for use Pedro Diaz Lanz in boat ops. Feeling here he indiscreet and would compromise mission. DOA not initiated.

- Aldo vera note - iden w/ Mjr Aldo Serafin vera. former underground leader against Batista. Held following positions w/ Castro gov't.

- Head of Dept of Invest. of Cuban Rev. Police

- Cuban Army G-3 Section

- Chief of G-5 of Cuban Army

- 29 Apr 60 reptd as one of officers in charge of caching arms in various interened houses in Havana.

- 2 Jun 60 reptd replaced as Insp. General of Cuban Revolu. Army; not named to another post.

- 21 Sep 60 reptdly trying to est. contact w/ oppos. grps, but in reality a gov't agent

- Dispatch - TO Chief WHD PR - Chief of Base, JMWAVE

Re: "17<sup>th</sup> of April" Movement

Organization to be presided over by

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"military junta" - not one leader only. w/ both members of Rebel army and Batista Army

Diaz Lanz does not hold a steady position because he considers himself a "leader" rather than a "soldier"

Believe info on secret meeting of group leaked to Cuban gov't by Aldo Vera.

- Intell. Rept 14 Jul 61 Re: Cuban counter-revol. Base

Rept - 250 free Cuban troops & 7 aircraft based on Isla de Mujeres off shore of Quintana Roo Province, Mexico. Plan military exped. - included:

PDL (asset)

[REDACTED]

Teniente (FNU) Chinea

- Dispatch 31 May 61 TO Chief WHD from Chief of Base JM WAVE

re: Frenzadas Aereas de Liberacion (FAL)

All pilots & members of Air Force who were in camps had a meeting during which [REDACTED] (asset)

[REDACTED] spoke & said they had to hold an election to appoint chief of AF & later to present it to [REDACTED] (asset).

Arguments ensued. Capt Perez did

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not agree w/ this type election. Left meeting w/ group of men.

(assess)

[redacted] Tenor also spoke. More than half persons left

(assess)  
[redacted] elected as Chief.

[First election had given votes to Diaz Lanz, (assess) [redacted] and others. PDL repeatedly tried to take over. Caused resistance. GP felt they shouldn't have allowed PDL pilots to vote in 1st place - called for 2nd election. Held May 24]

FAL members loyal to (assess) [redacted]

(Indicator)

- Cable 23 May 61 to BEU from: [redacted]

Info - author met numerous Cubans in Miami. - apparently pilots. Expressed

interest in returning w/ author to (Indicator) [redacted] to "stay proficient in flying". PDL apparently creating disturbance "by trying to take over." Good stable group of men.

"The hard core will remain together as the same unit and will be and are ready if needed."

Luniga, Garcia,  
Herrera, Sjo,  
Vasquez, Alberto.

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- Dispatch 15 May 61 to Chief WHD from Chief of Base JMWAVE

Meeting of Cubans in Bayfront Park, Miami  
 Author: [redacted] (Employee)

- 8 May 61 - Meeting in Bayfront Park organized by PDL et al. involved w/ "Cuban affair" to attack North Americans, [redacted] (Cashier)

- Cable 1 May 61  
 TO [redacted] (Indecision) from JMWAVE -

7 individuals of Diaz Lanz grp being paid total of \$1500 mo. by [redacted] (Cashier)

Grp not active & some have not picked up April paychecks.

Request authority drop group from [redacted] (Cashier) rolls effective 1 May 61 at discretion WAVE

- Memo for [redacted] (Cashier) 28 April 61  
 Re conversation w/ Mr Joseph Newman, NY Herald Tribune  
 Rept'd 27 April 61  
 Author: [redacted] (Employee)  
 (Indecision)  
 Discussed [redacted] Matters -



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" To separate fact from fiction on an off the record basis."  
Discussed several areas:

~~(assess)~~ PDL -

These men alleged CIA had given ~~(assess)~~ insufficient support to ~~(assess)~~ boat ops, <sup>& demanded details of ops</sup> but each time CIA chosen course was followed. Their boat was interfered with by Castro gunboats.

Hunt explained reasons for CIA procedures - <sup>avoid</sup> eliminate duplication & compromise of effort; avoid hostile monitoring of communications; Coast Guard interference; provide ~~(assess)~~ rescue in emergencies.

~~(assess)~~ & Draz denounced ~~(assess)~~ as Castro penetration agent. - Bolstered by Newman's recollection that ~~(assess)~~ was believed to have said Castro once claimed an agent high in counter-revol.

<sup>Circles</sup> ~~(assess)~~ explained ~~(assess)~~ lost out in ~~(assess)~~ power struggle; PDL felt personal resentment, political vindictiveness. ~~(assess)~~ father was a communist, but ~~(assess)~~ more ~~(assess)~~.

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formative years spent w/ Icons.

re: attacks of ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ by ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ and  
Fore Figueroa

Afino Diaz

re: story that CIA had not kept its  
agreements w/ Diaz, making it  
imposs. for Diaz to land his  
force in Cuba.

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ "I explained what really  
happened.

Eloy Gutierrez Henoyo -

re: allegations that <sup>Gutierrez</sup> Henoyo & grp were  
detained at McAllen, TX to appear  
Barster & Trujillo Partisans.

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ explained above ~~to~~ TX decided  
on by INS to insure safety  
of Gutierrez; assess grp's conflicting  
tales. Grp arrived too late for  
inclusion in military program.

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ (org) ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ complaints!

re: gen. theme that U.S. had not  
lived up to its commitments to  
provide air cover for landings  
despite pre-invasion promise by Pres.  
Kennedy to provide this umbrella.  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ (org) explained RC looking for  
scapegoat. Said Pres. had made

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no such positive commitment to RC before the invasion... Pres. dispatched Messrs Berle & Schlesinger to <sup>(assault)</sup> [redacted] in NY prior to invasion to say Pres. had said quite the contrary. Said. personal interviews betw. Pres. & <sup>(one)</sup> [redacted] had taken place on 19 & 20 April, in fact.

As to lack of protective air cover, HH cited failure of <sup>(one)</sup> [redacted] B-26s to eliminate Castro air forces during 15 Apr. Strike. HH "mute" as to fault for lack of second mop-up strike. Said bases in [redacted] becoming untenable - open for oppos. congress. inspections by 18 Apr. - Newman - declared - realization that it wasn't sabotage by Communist agents - "we sabotaged ourselves!" -

Newman expressed interest in HH identity. Conceded he had never heard [redacted]

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- Dispatch 25 March 61 - TO Chief WH Div from  
Chief of base - ~~place~~.  
re: Anti-~~base~~ <sup>(org)</sup> activities of Carlos PRIO  
Socarras-

Prio held meeting 7 Mar 61 at Everglades  
Hotel, Miami, Fla. made anti-~~base~~ <sup>(org)</sup>  
statements to press.

Men who had been planning action w/  
PDL, left him, joined Prio, since PDL  
lacked resources.

- Dispatch 3 Mar 61 to Chief of Base, JMWAVE,  
fr. Chief, WHD

Marcos D.L., anticipating arrest for anti-~~base~~ <sup>(org)</sup>  
activities, made advance preparations to  
have one of his <sup>"reps"</sup> ~~representatives~~ contact ~~base~~  
ofc. Lt. Douglas ~~Atter~~ Lettbridge Aguilera,  
FAR ofc, of one of these reps.

Marcos stated that Lettbridge trying to  
get names of Russian NKVD agents in Cuba  
& when he has penetrated Com. orgs. in Cuba  
he will disclose Their plans to ~~see~~ me."

- Doc x fer & cross-ref - 28 Jul. 63

involved in poss. aircraft bomb and  
leaflet raid on Habana Cuba to take  
place on 28 July 63.

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- Memo of meeting held at home of

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
2-26-61

PDL [REDACTED], Com. Gonzalez met,  
decided Diaz Lanz start out for  
Cuba. Believe PDL good name will  
help get Amer assistance.

PDL expressed bitterness toward  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

- Cable 17 Feb 61  
to [REDACTED] fr WAVE

(assult)  
Neither PDL nor [REDACTED] recollect  
knowing Enrique Molina Rivera AKA  
Arturo Morales Y Rodriguez

- Cable 10 Feb 61 (Indicated)  
TO JMWAVE fr: [REDACTED]

PDL passed \$460 advance by HQS during  
trip [REDACTED] <sup>Crypt. Place</sup>. WAVE should obtain  
accounting.

- Cable 3 Feb 61

TO: JMWAVE

FR: [REDACTED] (Indicated) (Pedro Diaz)

(assult) [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] returning Miami  
4 Feb. AS result inability obtain visas

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w/permission for plane, tour to be made w/one  
or both via commercial flights. Firm plans  
contingent alleged <sup>(asset)</sup> [redacted] offer to <sup>(Pro DIA?)</sup> [redacted]  
make him replacement for <sup>(Carroll)</sup> [redacted] in  
<sup>(asset)</sup> [redacted] ORG. <sup>(asset)</sup> [redacted] reports  
tentatively offered post as prime minister  
prov. gov. by <sup>(asset)</sup> [redacted], but would  
make tour regardless.  
Subjs will call <sup>(employee)</sup> [redacted] for contact  
instructions WAVE Co when assistance  
needed.

- Routing & Record Sheet - 1 Feb 61.  
Notes: Re: PDL.

"Diaz Lanz would cause increased  
morale problems at <sup>(DIA?)</sup> [redacted].  
Possibly could use unilaterally."  
"No interest to <sup>(body)</sup> [redacted]."

- Memo 1 Feb 61 for WH <sup>(body)</sup> [redacted]  
Re: PDL.  
Met w/ <sup>(employee)</sup> [redacted] <sup>(body)</sup> [redacted]  
to ask if he could be pilot in <sup>(body)</sup> [redacted] Air  
Force.  
Author recommends PDL would aid  
greatly in creating esprit de corps  
and discipline.

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- Dispatch 20 Jan 61

TO Chief WHD from Chief of Base JMWAVE  
Re: Frank Fiorini - comments re: alleged  
plans of [REDACTED] (CIA)

On 4 Jan 61 Mr. [REDACTED]  
Supervising Customs Agent in Miami, sent  
Attachment A to local Chief of [REDACTED]  
who in turn sent it to JMWAVE.

Inasmuch as the content of Attach.  
A appears to implicate PDL in an  
unfavorable manner, [REDACTED] <sup>employed</sup>  
investigated the case & submitted a  
memo dated 9 Jan 61, Attach B.  
Chief of Base agrees w/ conclusion  
in Para 7 of Attach B.

- Attachment A -

[REDACTED], Customs Agent  
writer and Cust. Agent [REDACTED]  
interviewed Sturges on Dec 30, 1960 at  
his residence 2080 SW 60th Court,  
Miami, Fla.

Alan McDonald, close assoc of  
Sturges, also present. Fiorini said B-26  
seized by Customs, used for leaflet drop  
on Havana, <sup>was</sup> returned to him after  
payment of charges - \$2,800.00. Money  
was furnished by [REDACTED] & [REDACTED]

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he had turned over the airplane for use by PDL. PDL was at aircraft almost every day - preparing plan for "good will tour" of Central Amer. countries, to be sanctioned by [REDACTED] (CIA)

Writer told Fiorini he was prob. being duped - ~~many~~ often talk that U.S. supporting group - always w/out foundation. <sup>on question</sup> Fiorini said he spoke to [REDACTED] <sup>(CIA)</sup> agent <sup>by</sup> The name of [REDACTED] <sup>(aspt)</sup> of 4420 N.W. 5th St.

Office contacted PDL for cooperation. PDL was advised Fiorini was interviewed earlier that day - PDL expressed concern that Fiorini might get involved in way that would impair plans of anti-Castro groups.

Office making report because "loose talk" by Fiorini might have adverse effects. [REDACTED] had earlier interviewed Fiorini, presumably re: "similar "loose talk"

- Attachment B - 9 Jan 61.

- Alleged \$2,800 payment is presumed to be part of money given to PDL by [REDACTED] as personal loan

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2. PDL, preparing his aircraft for the vuelo de verdad and instructions given by him to aircraft technicians including poss. use of nat'l flags on nose of aircraft would confirm Diaz intends to visit # of countries.

3. <sup>(Cassat)</sup> ~~██████████~~ says he met Fiorini on only one occasion w/ a group of people & has never seen him before or since. Alleged address of ~~██████████~~ provided by Fiorini not correct.

4. Fiorini has lost confidence of PDL & has been treating w/ such people as <sup>(Cassat)</sup> ~~██████████~~ in an attempt to involve himself in anti-Castro activity. Note PDL expressed concern Fiorini "might get involved . . . ."

5. PDL alleges he & his people hounded by federal agents whose interest in plane has been piqued by plane overhauling activities & that these federal officials asked leading & provocative questions.

6. entire Exec <sup>(Cassat)</sup> ~~██████████~~ of <sup>(Cassat)</sup> ~~██████████~~, as well as

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propaganda commission, fully acquainted w/ preparatory plans for flight and it is, therefore, not strange plans have become known outside that immed. grp.

7. However, a review of Customs rept, together w/ above, would indicate that "the essential element of plausible denial still remains."

(Indicated)

- ~~SECRET~~ Cable 10 Jan 61 TO ~~SECRET~~ from WAVE
- Following Chron. applies to preparatory actions for PDL trip -
- select flight ~~trip~~ party; obtain visas; landing permits; establish flight routing; lift govt agency restrictions on PDL and aircraft. ~~SECRET~~ send letter of instruction to ~~SECRET~~ <sup>(over)</sup> delegations in host countries outlining advance preparations necessary -; special equipment for plane - PDL suggest tape recordings be made at local stops for mailing back and use on Swan.
- Expect concrete team during wk of 9 Jan. PDL will handcarry passports and flight documents to Washington, obtain visas & landing permits & submit results to